

endless, and whose love is unfathomable. God of Eternity, we join the chorus of saints who continue to declare that Christ is our King.
People: Amen. —Safiyah Fosua, and posted on Discipleship Ministry website, umediscipleship.org.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Responding to God’s Word

*Offertory Prayer

L: Are you looking for comfort,

P: Find here the arms of a loving God.

L: Are you looking for direction,

P: Find here the hand of God to guide you.

L: Are you hoping to end loneliness,

P: Find here the embrace of God and new friends.

L: Are you searching for meaning,

P: Find here the Lord of Life and the Revealer of Truth.

L: Are you seeking happiness,

P: Find here the deep joy of the risen Christ and the lasting peace of forgiveness. SourceBook of Worship Resources (Canton, Ohio: Communication Resources, Inc., 1994,)30

Offertory

“While We are Waiting, Come”

Don Cason

*The Doxology 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow: praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offertory Blessing (unison)

Faithful God, faithful witness. Sovereign Lord, thank you for holding our lives, and the lives of all peoples, in your hands. Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me. Amen.

Minute for Mission

We Go in God’s Name

Daren Hardin

*Christmas Carol 145

“What Child is This”

GREENSLEEVES

*Charge and Benediction (responsive)

One: Guided by a star, Magi from the East came to Bethlehem and worshiped the infant Savior.

ALL: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. Blessed am I through Jesus, to be included among God’s people.

One: Blessed with the assurance that you are God’s people, saved from sin and included among that great throng that worships before the throne and the Lamb in heaven, go forth joyfully in the name of the Faither, and the of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

An Invitation is extended in the name of Jesus Christ, to anyone who desires to unite with our church fellowship either by profession of faith or by a letter of transfer. The Pastor will be happy to confer with you either after the service or during the week if you make your wishes known.

We, God’s ministers, depart to serve

*Dismissal

“Oh How He loves You and Me”

Kurt Kaiser

Oh, how He loves you and me, (repeat) He gave His life, what more could He give? Oh, how He loves you, Oh how He loves me. Oh, how He loves you and Me.

(You are invited to keep this copy of the liturgy and take it home with you to share with another member of your family, or with a friend).

First Presbyterian Church

Granbury, Texas

December 7, 2025

Advent Week 2



Wise Men
Dream of a
Dangerous
King



Visions in
the Night
Proclaim a
Savior

Dreams of Christmas

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Light of the world. You draw all people to your saving radiance. May we be so moved by your gifts of forgiveness and eternal life won for *us through your cross and resurrection, that we proclaim the Good News everywhere. And thus may people of every nation join the throng in heaven praising your name. This we pray in your name, forever one God with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*



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Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 am

Rev. Angela Madden Scott

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We welcome you to worship this morning at
First Presbyterian Church!

Please Sign the Friendship Pad so your attendance
may be recorded. If you are visiting, fill in your
address so we may acknowledge your presence.

Nursery care is available in Fellowship Hall from
8:30 am to after worship.

If you have questions about church or about
membership, we’d love to hear from you. Please
contact the church office at 817-573-2337,
or visit our website www.fpcgranbury.org.

*Videography for live-streaming is in process, and
camera movements change throughout the service!*

Order for the Lord’s Day
Please silence your phone during worship
We Prepare to Worship God

Introit “Joy to the World”

Welcome/Our Life Together Rev. Angela Madden Scott
This is the day the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Ringling of the Church Bell Major Scott

Sharing of Announcements and Words of Welcome

Prelude “He Shall Feed His Flock” G. F. Handel

Hymn 85 (vs. 1 & 2, seated) “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” *TIF IN VELDELE*

Advent Wreath Lighting (as two purple candles are lit, the response is read) Brownfield Family
One: The light shines in the darkness.
All: Jesus Christ is the Light in the darkness.
One: He comes to His own.
All: All who believe in him are born of God.

***Call to Worship** (*responsive*) The Night of Deathly Sorrow Psalm 19 Gloria Mitchell
One: As we gather together this morning, a warm welcome is extended to all, especially those who are Worshiping at First Presbyterian Granbury for the first time or who have returned after an absence.
ALL: Your presence enriches the Faith Family worshipping together.
One: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
All: Day after day they issue speech; night after night they display knowledge.
One: The night of deathly sorrow is ceding to the Light. The shadowed rays of daybreak are growing ever bright. Let swelling anthems raised him invite the Morning Star To shatter earthly darkness and spark hope's fevered fire. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.
All: Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun, which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion, rejoicing to run his course. It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat. We come into God’s light and worship our Savior!

***Christmas Carol 151** “We Three Kings of Orient Are” *KINGS OF ORIENT*

***Prayer of Confession** (*responsive*) Gloria Mitchell
One: With Christmas lights ablaze in every home and candles flickering on Advent Wreaths, we can forget that apart from Jesus Christ, all is corruption and darkness. Because of our sin, there would be only gloom, death and judgment. But Jesus Christ casts out the darkness with the glory of his coming, forgiving the sins of all who repent and trust in him. Let us therefore confess our sins to our Coming Lord.
All: Lord, I have scorned your Light and brought darkness upon myself. My sins have turned joy into sorrow, and confidence into guilt and fear. I have not loved you or my neighbor wholly. My thoughts have often been vindictive, greedy and lustful. My words have often failed to edify. My actions have shamed me and dishonored you. I don’t want to live this way. Forgive me and change me for Jesus’ sake.
(A time of silence to contemplate these words and how they apply to us personally and as a community of faith)

***Silent Prayers of Confession/Kyrie**
Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Please rise in body or spirit
** Recycle Bins are located by the exit doors.

Assurance of Pardon Gloria Mitchell
One: Arise and shine for your light has come! Christ has died for your sins. For Jesus’ sake, your confession is heard, your sins forgiven and your guilt taken away. Depart in his joyous light, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
ALL: Amen! Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri 581**
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

***Sharing the Peace** Rev. Angela Madden Scott

Song for Illumination 288 “Spirit of the Living God” *LIVING GOD*
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
We Listen to God’s Word

First Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6 Gloria Mitchell
“Nations will come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn”.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Interactive Christmas Pageant Rev. Angela Madden Scott

***Hymn 144** “In the Bleak Midwinter” *CRANHAM*

Second Reading Matthew 2:1-12 Rev. Angela Madden Scott
“Magi from the East came to Jerusalem”.
The Word of our Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Scary Dreams” Rev. Angela Madden Scott

***Affirmation of Faith**/unison/Brief Statement of Faith 33-39
All: But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation.
We Gather Around the Table
(Elders serving Communion are invited to the front pew) Thank you to the Communion Guild and Elders
This is the joyful feast of the Lord. People come from east and west, from north and south, and eat at the table of the Lord.

The Liturgy of the Table

L: As we gather at this Table of remembrance, as we celebrate the feast of resurrection,
P: we proclaim the mystery we know as faith: Christ died to turn death into life.

L: Christ is risen, to turn mourning into laughter.
P: Christ will come, to teach us resurrection and Christ’s dance of love and forgiveness.

L: When we are ready to return to our old lives, trying to do the good news our way,
P: you break the bread, hand it to us, so that as we eat of your life,

L: we may hear your call to feed those who hunger for your justice, your peace, your hope.
P: When we are adrift, getting nowhere, you bless the cup, offering it to us,

L: so that as we drink of your spirit, we might hear afresh your voice,
P: asking if we love our sisters and brothers and sending us forth to serve them.

Words of Invitation
L: God of Eternity, we stand with the courage of those who insisted, even in perilous times, that not even the most powerful rulers of this earth hold our eternal destiny in their hands. We are secure in Christ, whose reign is just, whose power is endless, and whose reign is just, whose power is

Gluten Free Option is in the center of each plate. Please hold the Bread to take as one. Please take the Cup as it is served.